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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 21, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the amendments to the claims listed herein, the format of which has been revised to comply with current standards, and the remarks set forth in the Response filed October 6, 2004.

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper; and

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